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Jane Henney, Commissioner Food and Drug Administration
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5630 Fishers Ln., Room 1061 (HFA-305)
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Dear Mz. Henney,

Corporations are in a race for control of agricultural production, not a race to feed the world. The U.S. government has failed to protect consumers, and has allowed a few big companies to place our global food supply on a dangerously uncertain course. We are driving down a road without our headlights on when it comes to genetically-altered foods. It's time to pause and make sense of this important issue.

Already, 70 million acres of US farmland are planted with GE seeds, and most of the national food brands can't guarantee that their products do not contain GE foods. The problem is that once these seeds are released in nature, we can never take them back.

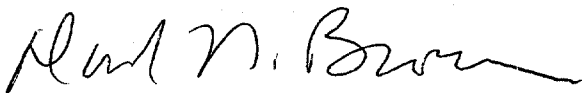
The list of risks goes on, including:

- o Loss of biodiversity as only a few varieties of crops are used extensively;
- o Genetic "drift" as pollen of altered plants mingles with traditional varieties;
- o Increased allergies and other potential health problems;
- o Greater reliance on the chemicals required for GE crops;
- o Control of the world's seeds through patents owned by a few corporations.

We must require great caution in the development of GE foods, including pre-testing and labeling of new products, corporate accountability to consumers and public regulation.

Test and label genetically-engineered foods!

Sincerely,



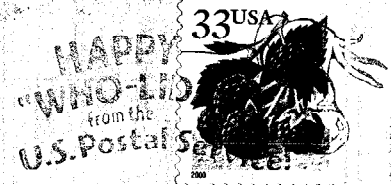
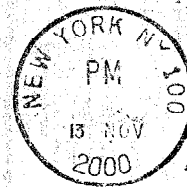
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